GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Civil Aviation Ministry has any plans to make helicopter travel more affordable;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether some separate norms will be introduced for aircraft and helicopter operations;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) by when the new plan is likely to be implemented?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY)

(a) and (b): The fares charged by helicopter operators are dependent on the cost of operations and commercial considerations.

(c),(d) and (e): Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA)has laid down separate requirements in the form of Civil Aviation Requirements (CAR)to ensure continued airworthiness and safety of aircraft and helicopters. These CARs have been framed in accordance with standards laid down by the International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) forthe operations of aeroplanes and helicopters.